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Japanese No. 10-283568 is identified on page 1 of the specification.

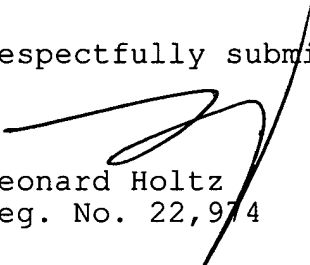
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DISCUSSION

Japanese No. 2000-306147 discloses a remote monitoring system including a POS terminal for objectives to be monitored and monitoring device for remotely monitoring the POS terminal via a communication network. The monitoring device stores numeral data regarding the use condition of consumerables, transmitted from the POS terminal of the objective to be

monitored in a counter file. Then, the count data stored in the counter file is compared with the predetermined lifetime. When it is detected that the count data reaches the lifetime value, the lifetime alarm is issued.

Respectfully submitted,



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		JP	10-283568	A	Imamura	10-23-1998		x*
		JP	2000-306147	A	Aoshika et al	11-02-2000		x*
			*English Abstracts attached.					

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